profound teacher of Dharma is resented by thousands of his followers in India and abroad; and

(d) specific reasons for such restrictions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) Certain restrictions on movement of Tai Situ Rimpoche were imposed keeping in view violations of relevant instructions pertaining to his status as a Tibetan refugee, possible repercussions on law and order situation in some areas etc. Requests received in this regard have been considered on this basis.

Uniform rates for cable subscribers

*129. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh to fix uniform rate to be charged from the customers by cable operators in the metros district headquarters and rural areas, to fix the entertainment tax to be charged on cable operators and to set up a competent authority for collecting entertainment tax;

(b) if so, the response of the Ministry thereto; and

(c) the details of steps taken on the above said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir. References have been received from Andhra Pradesh Government. The recent reference is a letter from Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh dated 2.2.2007.

(b) Vide notification dated 9.1.2004 Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has been declared as the regulator for Broadcasting and cable services. Section-11 of the TRAI Act, 1997 empowers TRAI to issue regulations on Tariff related issues amongst others. TRAI has since issued tariff orders from time to time to regulate Tariffs in Conditional Access System (CAS) notified areas of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai as also the Non-CAS areas. The Tariff Orders are available on the TRAI website www.trai.gov.in. As the rates are already

being fixed by TRAI separately for CAS & non-CAS areas, the question of rates being fixed by the Central Government does not arise.

Levy & collection of Entertainment Tax is a State subject and the issues related thereto are to be decided at the State level.

(c) The above status has been conveyed to the State Government.

Payments to shareholders Swadeshi Cotton Mills, Kanpur

† *130. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committeed to make payments to shareholders of Swadeshi Cotton Mills, Kanpur;

(b) if so, the method of-making payment to such shareholders;

(c) the number of shareholders who have been made payments so far;

(d) the number of shareholders who are yet to receive their payment; and

(e) by when the Government would make payment to small shareholders under IV and V categories so that their interests are taken care of?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) No, Sir. As per Section 18 of the Swadeshi Cotton Mills Company Limited (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1986, payment of liability in relation to shareholders does not come under the purview of the Government of India. Moreover, under Section 5 of the Swadeshi Cotton Mills Company Limited (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1986 every liability of the Company in relation to the textile undertakings in respect of any period prior to the appointed day shall be the liability of the Company and shall be enforceable against it and not against the Central Government or the National Textile Corporation which includes payment to shareholders.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.